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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2003, in the above-identified application. This response is filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action.

Please amend the application as follows:

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DISCLOSURE

1. At page 10, replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following paragraph:



As indicated in Figure 3, the process employed by lottery ticket distribution system 8 (Fig. 1) includes the step of manufacturing at least one game set of electronic tickets as shown at process block 40. Each game set preferably includes structure set out in Figure 2 and is manufactured in some suitable fashion at manufacturing computer 11 shown in Figure 1. Once the game set is manufactured, the present lottery ticket distribution process includes producing a game set record comprising either a hard copy record of the game set or a nonvolatile, preferably read-only, data record of the game set, or both the hard copy record and data record as indicated at process block 41. The hard copy record preferably comprises a number of printed tickets representing the electronic tickets or ticket records 31 and may be printed at printer 14 associated with manufacturing computer 11. The preferred data storage medium for the data record comprises a CD or similar optical medium. [The] Each game set record, that is, the set of hard copy printed tickets and/or set of data records for each game set is are stored at a secure location and are used only for reconciliation and dispute resolution purposes.